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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF SHEIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLAH AS CROWN
PRINCE/HEIR APPARENT

REF: KUWAIT 75

1. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR
CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN KUWAIT TO CALL ON NEW
CROWN PRINCE TO OFFER CONGRATULATIONS.
REGARDING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES, PRECEDENT IN DEALING
WITH GULF STATES HAS BEEN FOR PRESIDENT TO CORRESPOND WITH
AMIR AND SECRETARY WITH PRIME MINISTER OR FOREIGN MINISTER
AND WITH CROWN PRINCE ONLY WHEN HE HOLDS TITLE OF PRIME
MINISTER. MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS PRACTICE WAS SELEC-
TION OF CROWN PRINCE IN QATAR.

2. ACCORDINGLY, OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO AVOID A WRITTEN
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SELECTION OF HEIR APPARENT. IF THIS APPROACH GIVES YOU
PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, PLEASE LET US KNOW SOONEST.
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